

CORACIAS INDICA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum cultratum apice incurvato, basi pennis denudatum.

Lingua cartilaginea, bifida.

Pedes ambulatorii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 159.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

CORACIAS ex cyaneo et cæruleo-thalassino varia, dorso testaceo, pileo virescente.

CORACIAS CÆRULEA, antice testacea, pileo viridi.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 159.

CORACIAS INDICA.

Latb. ind. orn. p. 170.

Licet superbiat totum genus splendidissimis coloribus, ægre tamen speciem pulchriorem reperies quam quæ in tabula depingitur. In Museo Britanico asservatur specimen unde delineata est hæc nostra figura, magnitudine quasi Coraciæ communis sive Europææ.

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THE
INDIAN ROLLER.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill strait, bending a little towards the end ; cultrated at the edges.

Nostrils narrow ; naked.

Legs generally short : toes divided to their origin ; three forwards and one backwards.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

ROLLER varied with deep-blue and pale greenish-blue ; the back pale-brown ; the top of the head greenish.

The CEYLONSE ROLLER.

The INDIAN ROLLER.

Lath. syn. p. 412.

BLUE JAY from the East Indies.

Edw. pl. 326.

The genus *Coracias* is eminently distinguished by beauty of color, and the species here represented may be considered as one of the most brilliant. The specimen from which the figure was taken is in the British Museum, and is about the size of the common or European Roller.

